

# NEGLIGÉES for CHRISTMAS

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Negligée of Corn-Colored  
Chiffon. Aflutter with  
Streamers and Lace Frills

A Lovely Peignoir of White Crepe  
de Chine in Two Parts—Jacket and Skirt

## Rich Deep Oriental Colors Fancied In Boudoir Wear Now—Strings of Deep Colored Beads For Wear With Teagowns—Slippers for the Boudoir Make Charming Gifts—Caps

OF ALL the so-called practical Christmas gifts, negligees are the most luxurious—or may be the most luxurious if one chooses to make one's gift an expression of substantial expenditure. A hundred dollars, or even two hundred can be paid for a Paris boudoir gown in the twinkling of an eye, yet giver and recipient will feel the comforting assurance that the Christmas present is an eminently practical one—for a negligee is something to wear, is it not? And things to wear are always more or less practical.

The negligees pictured on today's page have been selected from the models offered for holiday choice. Any one of them would constitute a "practical gift" sure to bring pleasure to its recipient; though whether she would regard the acquisition calmly as simply an addition to her wardrobe needs, or go into raptures over an unwelcome luxury in the way of clothes, would depend on her degree of prosperity and how well she was supplied with beautiful things. Some women would regard a silk and chiffon peignoir as an event of a life-time still other women never expect in their wildest dreams to wrap themselves in silk and lace for the ten minutes catnap which helps to get them through a strenuous day. As a rule, however, any woman is delighted to receive a beautiful negligee—and will find use for it somehow even if she has to feign indisposition and receive her womey friends in her bed room, as an excuse to wear the lovely garment. And there are always bona fide illnesses and convalescence to consider.

### Corduroy Robes Most Practical Gifts

The warm comfortable corduroy bathrobes are perhaps the most practical garments in the Christmas-gift class of negligees. Sometimes very graceful models can be picked up for around five dollars and, of course, one may pay considerably more for special style and quality of corduroy. Old blue and old rose seem to be the favored shades in these negligees, and there is a coral shade that is very rich. Cerise is well liked also, but for a cerise corduroy robe one must pay more than the five dollars which will buy a simple blue or rose-colored robe. Warm and comfy also, and more distinguished in style, are the quilted silk Japanese robes which come in several colors and in white—some of them with handsome shaded silk embroideries on the quilted surface. These quilted bathrobes used to be austere plain affairs, high collared and long-sleeved, fastening simply down the front, but they are now to be had in more graceful styles, with oblique front fastenings, bell sleeves and a flaring cut at the edge.

### Chinese Teagowns The Rage

One receives afternoon tea-drinkers now, not in pastel pink or mauve chiffon, but in a Chinese jacket of glorious yet subdued color—or rather, colors; for these Chinese teagowns are a fascinating maze of color produced by chiffons cleverly blended, and, of course, by the special feature of the garment—a genuine old Chinese Mandarin coat. A shop on Fifth Avenue has shown the most interesting of these teagowns; some money and some ability have been used to procure the beautiful jackets which in many cases are very valuable. One of the teagowns has a coat made of a length of golden brocade from the Imperial Palace, over a slip of Chinese blue and Imperial yellow chiffons. Another stunning model shows a Mandarin jacket of black satin embroidered in white over a slip of deep, deep blue chiffon. Gray green, black, turquoise blue and soft old rose are combined in another exquisite teagown of the Chinese type.

Another New York shop last week showed a collection of these gorgeous teagowns and in each instance a string of deep-colored beads emphasized the rich, Oriental hues of the garment. With a gown of peacock blue and green brocade chiffon over a slip of

bluish purple chiffon, went a string of blue, green and crystal beads, long enough to reach the waistline. Another teagown in autumn leaf colorings produced by draping together yellow, russet, old-red and brown chiffons was accompanied by a long string of bronze and gilt tinted wooden beads.

### Flowered Kimonos Of Printed Silk

The new kimonos—for some women adore Japanese boudoir garments and demand them season after season—achieve the fashionable strong color effects by their material—gaily printed silk—instead of by embroideries on pale backgrounds. One of these new flowered kimonos is pictured—a winter model, since there is an interlarding of thin cotton wadding between the outer brocade silk and the lining of flesh-tinted silk crepe. This colorful kimono has a ground of soft old blue splashed over with huge roses, peonies and chrysanthemums in shades of rose, deep mauve and pale apricot so that the design is a gorgeous yet exquisitely soft blend of color. The kimono is a real Japanese garment and is made in the regulation Japanese way, with loose, pocket-sleeves, extended surplice fronts and a wide sash that ties in the back.

### Chaise Longue Negligées Of Atry Stuff

Because gorgeous teagowns are the fad one must not assume that airy, lacy, chiffony boudoir garments are out of fashion. Not at all; these filmy affairs are more filmy and more delicate than ever and scores of fascinating models are ready for chaise longue and boudoir wear. But a boudoir negligee, you understand, is a separate and distinct garment from the teagown in which you may receive friends in the living room or library; it is an intimate garment—as the

Flowered Kimono  
from Far Japan  
in Gorgeous  
Colors



Pretty Chaise-Longue Negligée of Georgette Crepe

French say—and is not supposed to show itself out of lady's sleeping apartment, or the dainty dressing room adjoining which she calls her boudoir. A charming addition to the Christmas present of a chaise longue and tinted pillows, will be a chaise longue negligee in harmonizing hue. Two enchanting negligees of this type are pictured; one shown on a figure reclining in a chaise longue, the other on a young woman seated before her dressing table. The former model is a simple tunic and skirt affair of crepe de chine; the skirt in plain, pale blue with a band of flowered

crepe at the ankle and the tunic of pale blue crepe with little blue and lavender roses in flowered pattern. The tunic is slashed at the sides and lavender silk tassels weight the four corners; the skirt is drawn in by smocking where the flowered band is set on. The other chaise longue negligee is of corn-colored chiffon in loose coat and flounced skirt design. The flounces are of creamy Calais lace and festoons of pale lavender and corn-colored ribbon are applied to the chiffon, bowknots of the ribbon fluttering here and there. Tiny silk violets catch down the ribbon festoons at intervals.

### White Negligées Favored By Santa

Some of the loveliest of the gift negligees are all white, without a hint of color. Such a model is pictured in the jacket and skirt combination of white, embroidered crepe de chine, with white fringe edging the loose sacque and white velvet drawing up its neck-opening. The trousersed negligee was selected for its newness and its smartness rather than because its grace seemed especially appealing. The slashed skirt, drawn in to form loose Turkish trousers, and the long



This Negligée of Turkish  
Trousers is Fetchingly Oriental

## Watch Your Weight In Winter Time

MOST WOMEN put on weight in the winter months when less active exercise is taken and richer, more fat-making food is consumed than during the summer months. In winter one sits a good deal—in public conveyances at dinners and luncheons, at afternoon bridge, at the theatre and so on; and gravies, rich desserts, hot breads, pancakes and their ilk replace the salads, green vegetables and water ices that are relished in warm weather.

Every woman should watch her weight in winter time and see that it does not—as one might put it—get away from her. That is, so many pounds must not be taken on that it will be a good deal of trouble to get rid of them when the moment of awakening arrives. Most women think perhaps they are a little stouter—"a pound or so" perhaps, but nothing to matter—until the horrible day arrives when it is realized that twenty pounds have been added to a figure that is no longer as lithe and supple as it was. Then is likely to follow a frantic and strenuous diet period that

reduces the vitality and makes a fertile soil for neuralgia and other nervous disorders. When completely run down and mentally depressed because of the starvation diet, the unfortunate victim decides to feed up again and "get back her strength"—and good food heartily enjoyed after long abstinence speedily puts on the pounds once more. And so it goes—life is certainly a burden for the poor victim of eboupoint.

Now there is no need of any woman's being fat—and still less need of a starvation diet. Anybody can eat all she pleases and keep thin—provided she eats the right things. Fat-making foods make fat and only such foods. Hearty meals may be consumed and not an ounce be added to the figure if one knows the food secrets. The things that must be left out are oddly enough the three things that the food administration asks to be conserved: Leave out butter, sweets, potatoes and white bread from your diet and it is safe to promise that spring will see you lighter in weight, more supple in figure and better in health than you are now.

scarf of silver lace give the garment a Harom-like suggestion. The hem-stitched yoke is a pretty feature. Slippers And Caps Numbered Among Practical Gifts

If one cannot present one's friend with a whole negligee, a pair of slippers or a dainty cap for the boudoir will make a charming Christmas remembrance. Lace and ribbon caps are worn only with peignors and other intimate garments now—never with the teagown or the chaise longue gown which demand well-dressed coiffures. A new sort of boudoir cap has no crown, the band of frilled lace trimmed with little roses and ribbons being tied, handkerchief-wise around the head—a wonderfully clever way to disguise curls. The favorite Christmas boudoir slippers are satin mules with French heels, or quilted, low-heeled slippers of satin with pom-poms on the toes.

### KNITTED FROCKS FOR GIRLS WHO SKATE

THE MOST delightful sort of costume for the ice this winter is a knitted sweater frock in soft, neutral color, with wool embroidery in brighter shade. Sometimes the embroidery is done with angora wool which gives a very rich suggestion. One of these knitted skating dresses, worn as Tuxedo, has a skirt and jumper waist of tobacco brown worked in very close ribbed stitch. The skirt comes well over the shoetops—for very short skating skirts are out of style—and the jumper comes to the hip. Its edge, and the edge of the sleeve are turned up four inches and embroidered with orange angora. There is a big convertible collar and a tie of orange silk cord with tassels. The costume is matched by a round, knitted cap with turned up, embroidered brim.

## The Jolliest Christmas Favors Ever

MERRY CHRISTMAS it will be, indeed, this year, with a new peace on earth, and hearts uplifted in thankfulness for release from long suspense and strain. So many of the soldiers and sailors will be able to spend Christmas at home this year, and preparations are under way for out-of-the-ordinary celebrations in their honor. Mistletoe, which somehow had a sad and lonely look on the chandelier last Yuletide, will be a favorite decoration this gladder Christmas and people who hung holly wreaths in their windows last season for the sake of sentiment and auld lang syne, will deck the whole house with red berries and red ribbons this Christmas season.

Dinner and dance favors galore, there are, and smiling old Santa presides over most of them in character—style, white whiskers, rosy cheeks, round silhouette and all. Some of the Christmas novelties for dinner table decoration are pictured and in every one the children's patron saint of Christmas-tide is a prominent figure. The Christmas Jack Horner is quite an impressive affair and will need a big dinner table to set it off to advantage. It may be used at the family dinner on Christmas Day, or will form the piece de resistance at the children's party, later in the week. The chimney—really almost life-sized—is mounted on the lid, as you might call it; in other words, the roof and gables of a dwelling. Red and white paper gives the effect of bricks and fringed white paper simulates snow on this pasteboard section of a domicile. Holly leaves frosted with powdered mica trim the edges of the chimney, and frosted cotton snowballs are attached to red ribbons which come up through the chimney from the in-

terior of the Jack Horner—each ribbon, of course, holding at its end a little gift. Santa himself is just emerging from the chimney, having completed his task of filling the gift packages, one must assume.

Another attractive Jack Horner is in the shape of a smart sleigh with Santa holding the reins over prancing reindeer and piles of gift packages are heaped behind him, each package trailing a red ribbon which ends in a snowball.

Seasonable, but not quite so ornamental as Jack Horner's of red crepe paper in the shape of big Liberty Bells, and of frosted white cotton in the form of giant snowballs. One of the latter will swing on long white ribbons from an overhead lighting fixture, more ribbons, attached to packages within the snowball, trailing over the dinner table.

In the small place-favors Santa, of course, prevails. He is as inevitable as the turkey on Thanksgiving Day. One finds him filling stockings, climbing into chimneys, driving his sledge and reindeer—all the old, familiar Santa tricks—as well as engaging in new stunts; flying aeroplanes, driving touring cars, carrying a gun—all in khaki-colored uniform—and so on. And speaking of uniforms, the martial looking favors are numerous and attractive. The little Kewpie-like figures in soldier and sailor togs are particularly appealing. One finds Corporal Kewpie saying good-bye to his best girl—or, rather greeting her on his victorious return, one thinks now—and able seaman Kewpie, his cap aslant, with his little china dog mascot. They are amusing and endearing, these little Kewpie-like soldiers and sailors, and will be quite as popular as old

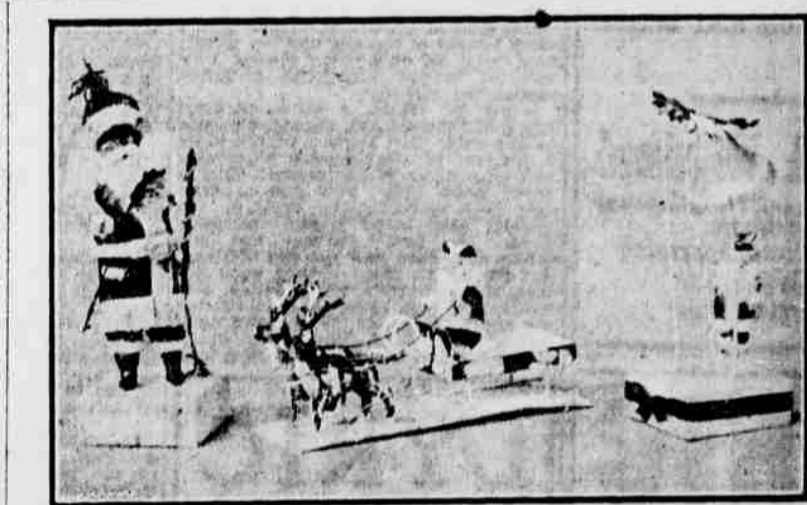
Santa himself on Christmas dinner tables this year.

The little French mascots, Ninette and Rintintin—the funny boy and girl dressed in bright colors which have pervaded all France during the last months, dangling from hats, from belts, from uniformed masculine chests and chic feminine tailored jackets, from even the bridles of horses. Ninette and Rintintin will be popular and honored guests at many a Christmas dinner table this season and will add to the festivity and good cheer.

There is a fad just now for small china animals as place favors and the



The Christmas Jack Horner is Not Missing, And Frosty Looking Snowballs Are Tied To Its Souvenir. favorite animal is the elephant. Many people believe devoutly in the "lucky elephant" and always have such a luck charm somewhere in the house. Small china or metal elephants make rather cunning place favors for a dinner party, and women guests usually go into raptures also over favors in the shape of tiny dogs or cats. Some of these come in an amber composi-



Old Santa In Various Phases; For One Thing Busy Ringing The Victory Bell.

tion with glittering eyes and a tiny ring in the collar so that the little charm may be swung from a ribbon or chain around the neck. Since this is to be a "practical Christmas" many of the place favors will be useful little gifts rather than mere toys intended to please for the moment only. One hostess who will entertain twelve young people of her debutante daughters ago on Christmas Eve, is planning small wrist watches and gold pencils as place favors. Vanity boxes for the girls, cigarette cases for the men, are the favors that will be given at another dinner for the younger set. Less expensive, but very acceptable dinner favors for the Christmas season are strings of the colored beads now so fashionable. No woman can have too many strings, for all costumes must be matched, and the fair guests can exchange strings so that everybody's desire in color will be suited. There are scores of little articles on the "fancy" tables in the Christmas shops that will make admirable dinner favors and many of these things are quite inexpensive. Or one may give really handsome souvenirs in the way of smart swimming photograph frames and

Santa Arrives Via Aeroplane At The Christmas Chimney And Has To Climb A Ladder To Reach The Top Of This Year's Stocking.